

CHANGES TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following marked up paragraph(s) for the paragraph(s) now appearing in the currently filed specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1 as follows:

21 This application is related to concurrently filed and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial Number [~~Attorney Docket No. 10001227-1~~] 09/626,625 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CALIBRATING A LOOK-DOWN LINEAR ARRAY SCANNER UTILIZING A FOLDED OPTICAL PATH," the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1 as follows:

22 Also available in the prior art are hand-held scanners, which a user holds and manually translates across an original to capture a digital image of such original. While such hand-held scanners are space-efficient in that they do not require that a portion of a desktop surface, for example, be dedicated solely for such scanner, various problems are associated with the use of such hand-held scanners. Such problems arise primarily from the hand-held scanners* heavy reliance on the manual translation by a user in order to perform a scan. For example, the rate at which the user translates the scanner across an original is not fixed, and is therefore unpredictable. An inappropriate translation speed often results in distortions in a captured digital image. Use of such hand-held scanners are further problematic in that as a user scans an original, the user is necessarily covering up what the user is attempting to scan. Therefore, it is difficult for a user to accurately scan portions of an original because the original is covered as the user translates the scanner across such original. Also, as a user translates a hand-held scanner across an original, the user may apply to too much pressure against the original and drag such original across the desktop.